

# *NOS Special Projects Highlights: July 2006*

## *Project of the Month*

### ***Ocean and Coastal Resources Management (OCRM) Web Site***

Special Projects launched the new OCRM Web site, which is a complete redesign of the office site. The redesign included adding thematically based information, repositioning major program sites (e.g., the Coral Reef Conservation Program) within the new OCRM site, and adding a redesigned state program section. (Jennifer Coletta)

[HTTP://COASTALMANAGEMENT.NOAA.GOV/](http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/)



## **NOS**

### **International Program Office (IPO): NOAA/Global Program of Action (GPA) Web Offering**

Redesigned and developed cascading style sheet (CSS)-based templates for the NOAA/GPA Web offering on the IPO Web site to be consistent with the United Nations Environment Program GPA Web site. (Jennifer Coletta)

### **Office of Coast Survey (OCS) Data Streamlining**

Continued work with the OCS leadership to develop a planning and communication tool intended to monitor and report on the progress of a large-scale data streamlining effort. This document highlights the major milestones and integration points among a series of specialized teams that were assembled to expedite the development of nautical charts. (Kim Cohen)

### **Estuarine Bathymetry Web Site**

Released a revised version of the Estuarine Bathymetry Web site, which includes updated background information and metadata. One significant new feature of the Web site is the addition of Google Earth files for visualizing the bathymetry data. See the new Web site at: <http://estuarinebathymetry.noaa.gov>. (Robby Wilson)

### **Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) Annual Operating Plan Database**

Continued working to complete the MPA Annual Operating Plan Web application. The application allows administration to track projects, activities, and milestones, as well as plan budgets and allocate staff resources. (Eric Segerson)

## **NOAA**

### **NOAA's 200th Celebration Planning**

Continued the 200th planning effort by developing a project plan template for major activities (such as events and milestones) to be tracked. (Lani Watson)

### **NOAA 200th Anniversary Web Site: Top Ten Lists**

Received, organized, and posted to the NOAA 200th Anniversary Intranet Web site over 100 nominations for the NOAA Top Tens, which will appear on the NOAA 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Web site. (John Paul Tolson)

### **Gulf of Mexico Alliance**

Supported the Gulf of Mexico Alliance at the Action Plan Implementation and Integration Workshop in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 17-19, 2006. NOAA staff helped to plan the workshop and assisted the Gulf States in facilitating and recording the results of five Priority Issue Breakout Sessions. (Brent Ache)

### **Gulf of Mexico Alliance – Education Support**

Secured funding from the NOAA Office of Education for a full-time, on-site education network coordinator to support the five Gulf States in meeting the education objectives outlined in the Gulf of Mexico Alliance *Governors' Action Plan for Healthy and Resilient Coasts*. (Wendy Sera)

**Shiptracker**

Received approval from NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) to release the OMAO Shiptracker GIS Web application. (Robb Wright)

**Incident Coordination Center GIS**

Installed the GIS servers for NOAA's Incident Coordination Center (ICC). These servers will provide the core response group with interactive maps and data of NOAA's facilities and assets in a geographic context with weather and satellite information. (Robb Wright)

**Ocean Science Initiative: Ocean News Kiosk**

Held two-day cross-line office training in the enVision software package. This software will be used to support the Ocean News Kiosk, which will be on the floor of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History Ocean Hall exhibit opening September 2008. (Mike Shelby)

**Ocean Explorer 2005 Field Season and Educational CD-ROM**

Produced a CD-ROM containing all materials posted on the NOAA Ocean Explorer Web site during 2005 field season expeditions. The CD also includes the entire education section of the Web site, which contains 244 lesson plans. This CD will be used at conferences and professional development opportunities held throughout the year. (Joe Flood)

**NOAA Ocean Council**

Planned and facilitated a retreat with NOAA's Ocean Council (NOC). The purpose of the retreat was to review current NOC functions, identify and prioritize NOC roles, determine the level of commitment for each role, and initiate the development of an FY '07 strategic planning calendar. NOC principals were briefed and consulted prior to retreat for planning purposes. A summary report was also developed.

## Summary of Current Projects by Client: FY06 (as of July 31)

Client	Active	Proposed	Completed	Estimated Level of Effort* (person years)
NOS	25	8	5	11.8
NOS Program Offices	21	8	8	8.5
NOAA	20	9	4	14.3
NOAA Line Offices	7	1	0	4.2
NOAA Goal Teams	9	2	2	3.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>42.6**</b>

\*The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

\*\*There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).

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